

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on April 4, 2007 at 4:45 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Don Ryan, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Jim Elliott (D)  
Sen. Dan McGee (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch  
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 732, HB 841, 4/3/2007  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:01 Opening comments by Chairman Ryan

**HEARING ON HB 732**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:04 **REP. VERONICA SMALL-EASTMAN (D) , HD 42**, opened the hearing on **HB 732**, Teacher Housing Incentive Program.

**EXHIBIT**(eds72a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:27 Erik Burke, MEA/MFT

00:07:58 Linda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business Officials and Indian Impact Schools of Montana

00:09:41 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

00:10:56 Joe Lamson, on behalf of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Linda McCulloch

00:11:58 Pat Torgerson, self

00:14:17 Sen. Sam Kitzenberg, SD 18

00:15:28 Sen. Frank Smith, SD 15

00:16:26 Sen. Carol Juneau, SD 8

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:17:31 None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:17:35 Ethan Stapp, Department of Commerce

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:03 Sen. Story to Joe Lamson, Office of Public Instruction

00:19:28 Sen. Story to Rep. Small-Eastman

00:23:46 Sen. Story to Ethan Stapp

00:28:49 Chairman Ryan to Erik Burke

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:51 Rep. Small-Eastman

00:31:55 Short break

**HEARING ON HB 841**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:26 **REP. DUANE ANKNEY (R), HD 43**, opened the hearing on **HB 841**, Revise election laws; change primary election date.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:38:10 Jeff Feis, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:41:20 Robert Throssell, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders

00:44:58 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards' Association

00:48:24 Linda Brannon, School Business Officials of Montana

00:50:19 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

**EXHIBIT (eds72a02)**

00:51:15 Sen. Hawks returned

00:52:43 Jackie Boyle, AARP Montana

00:53:33 Joe Lamson, on behalf of State Superintendent, Linda McCulloch

00:55:12 Erik Burke, MEA/MFT

**Informational Testimony:**

00:55:34 None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:39 Sen. Black to Robert Throssell

00:58:13 Sen. Story to Bob Vogel

00:59:11 Sen. Story to Robert Throssell

01:03:24 Sen. Juneau to Robert Throssell

01:05:06 Chairman Ryan to Mark Simmonich, representing Secretary  
of State, Brad Johnson

01:06:28 Chairman Ryan to Bob Vogel

01:07:10 Chairman Ryan to Robert Throssell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:07:37 Rep. Ankney

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:52 P.M.

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SEN. DON RYAN, Chairman

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MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([eds72aad.pdf](#))**